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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
 Deputy Director for Operations  
 Associate Deputy Director for Operations Stein  
 Chief, Covert Action Staff, DDO

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Review of Covert Action Programs

I would like to have a review of our covert action programs and capabilities similar to the reviews I asked for and are now under way on counterintelligence and paramilitary capabilities. This one is a little more far-flung and more difficult to come to grips with.

It should deal not only with our activities but on how we counter Soviet covert action and propaganda programs. State has recently asked for a study on Soviet covert programs and their impact on our interests. All of this should be looked at and brought into a comprehensive review, the focus and direction of which I hope could be defined in a meeting early next week.

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